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DECLINE IN SUPPORT FOR LABOR MAKES MEIR NO LONGER A CERTAIN WINNER

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TEL AVIV –
With the elections to the Histadrut Labor Federation out of the way, the path is clear for the national campaign to begin in earnest.

This country goes to the polls in late October to choose 120 Knesset members to rule the country for four more years. Under the proportional representation system in force here, voters cast their ballots for party lists not for individuals, a method which has come under fire many times from persons who feel that the proportional election system does not guarantee voters' wishes being placed at the top of the list when it comes to making parliamentary decisions.

An old Israeli maxim has it that "whoever rules the Histadrut, rules the country" meaning that the election to the Labor federation is a reliable weathervane to the regional and national elections – always held together.

If this be true, then the ruling Labor party, headed by aging Premier Golda Meir, is in for a bit of a shock since the Labor alignment lost 4% in the Histadrut polls. The swing appeared to be away from the left and to the centre and right-wing political movements.

One cause of this may be the new conservative opposition bloc, the "Likud," formed when the Herut-Liberal alliance (Gahal) joined with two other smaller parties to throw their combined weight against Labor.

Despite months of internal squabbling and various "informed" predictions that the union – if ever made – would disintegrate rapidly, the Likud came into being, primarily because of former Israeli general Arik Sharon who went all-out to weld the dissident groups into a cohesive political unit. Whether it will stay that way is too early to say.

Further inroads into Labor's lead was made by the newly formed Peace Party and the Black Panthers.

On the regional scene the big battle will be for the mayorship of Tel Aviv, Israel's largest city and a Labor stronghold for the past decade.

The only serious contender here is another former general Shlomo (Chich) Lahat whose relatively young smiling face peers down from election posters all over this city, a contrast to the somewhat forbidding countenance of incumbent Labor Mayor Yehoshua Rabinowitz.

Lahat told The CJN that he is riding on the Gahal ticket even though he believes in individual elections.

"I prefer an American-style election and campaign," he said, "where voters choose the man they want to head the city, not just the party. But since Israel does not run its elections on those lines I joined the party closest to my ideals."

He criticized Labor for allowing bureaucracy to bungle up many plans for improving Tel Aviv and for putting party politics before the good of the citizens.

Gahal public opinion polls put Lahat way ahead of Rabinowitz – 38 to 27%.

Labor officials do not seem too worried. While admitting Lahat has the lead, they reportedly feel their man can pull up and overtake once the competition gets into high gear.

Former air force commander Ezer

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Record target is goal of Bonds

TORONTO –
The majority of Toronto congregations have already accepted the quotas assigned to them for the Yom Kippur Israel Bond Appeals, according to Nathan Arback, chairman of the synagogue division for the State of Israel Bond Campaign in Toronto.

"The sum of $4.8 million in bonds which is the total amount assigned to the Toronto High Holy Day Appeals this year has been divided proportionately between the 48 participating congregations," Arback declared, adding that quota acceptances to date indicated the $4.8 million figure will be reached here.

This is the highest figure ever in Toronto's 20 year bond history. The reason for it is based to a large degree on the high cost of settling Russian Jewish immigrants in Israel. It costs $10,000 to provide one job for a Russian immigrant head of a family.

"The fate of Russian Jewry is dependent to a crucial extent on Israel's economic ability to settle them adequately," Arback stated. "With no real peace in sight, the people of Israel must devote a disproportionately high share of their economic resources for defence, which means that they are unable to meet the cost of economic development for themselves. Israel Bonds must fill the gap in development funds so that Israel may maintain a strong economic base while the struggle for peace goes on."

In special High Holy Day messages received this week by community leaders from Israel's Chief Rabbis Shlomo Goren and Ovadia Yosef in Jerusalem, they urged a "renewed and unprecedented response to Israel's economic needs through Israel Bonds" by members of this community and fellow-Jews throughout the world.

In his message, Rabbi Goren said, "We pray that the realization of the need to join hands in the absorption of Russian Jewry as the fulfilment of the prophetic vision of the ingathering of the exiles will bring about a dedication of efforts on behalf of Israel Bonds especially during this Holy Day period."

He concluded with the hope that the New Year may bring "redemption and peace to Israel and to all mankind."

Knesset Chairman Israel Yeshayahu (left) and Israel President Ephraim Katzir visit The 100 Years of Jewish Settlement Exhibition in Tel Aviv. Here, the officials enjoy the hospitality of the Yemenite Pavilion. (Israel Sun)

Kissinger said to have peace plan

LONDON (JCNS) –
A report in the London Times that the new U.S. Secretary of State Dr. Henry Kissinger has drawn up a plan for settling the Middle East dispute has brought an emphatic denial from a U.S. spokesman in New York and was dismissed as "a bit premature" by an authoritative source in London.

The Times claims Dr. Kissinger has presented to Arab leaders a plan for a Middle East settlement. King Feisal of Saudia Arabia, the newspaper declares, is understood to have accepted the plan as a basis for negotiations and has circulated it in Cairo, Amman and Damascus. The reported terms are as follows: Israel to make a partial withdrawal from the Suez Canal, relinquishing control of both banks to Egypt; Sharm el Sheikh to be an Egyptian-Israeli condominium; an area of Sinai, depending upon the extent of the Israeli withdrawal, also to be an Egyptian-Israeli condominium; Jerusalem to remain part of Israel, but Christian and Moslem holy places and privileges to be administered and protected by the Vatican and Jordan respectively; the West Bank to be returned to Jordan but the new Israeli settlements to remain; and Israel to withdraw from part of the Golan Heights.

The paper admits that the plan contains no new proposal but points out the area of negotiation has been widened. The success or failure of negotiations hinges, the paper says, on the personality of Dr. Kissinger.

His appointment found much favor with King Feisal "who always regarded the Israelis as an arrogant people, and has argued that only a tough, intelligent Jew such as Dr. Kissinger could persuade them to be more amenable." In New York, Robert McCloskey, Dr. Kissinger's spokesman during his current visit to the United Nations, denied the existence of the plan. "There is no Kissinger plan for the Middle East," he said.

In London, an international expert on Middle East affairs dismissed the paper's claim "as a bit premature." He added: "Dr. Kissinger has, I understand, commissioned a series of working papers on the Middle East. But these things move slowly. The idea that a plan has already been submitted by the Americans to the Arab states is quite fanciful. At this stage the Nixon administration wants to demonstrate that there has been some activity . . ."

A new housing approach

JERUSALEM (JCNS) –
A leading Israeli development company has launched a program which aims to sell an apartment to every Jewish congregation in the Free World.

Isralom – the Israel Home and Real Estate Company – which is the principal sponsor of housing for foreign residents in Israel is behind the scheme to interest synagogues, community centres and other Jewish institutions to buy a stake in Israel.

It claims that there has already been considerable interest for the scheme among congregations in the United States, who wish to acquire an apartment in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv or Netanya.

The idea, says the company, is for the apartment to be available for families of the community on a rotating basis during visits to Israel, the use of younger members of the congregation studying or touring in the country and the synagogue's rabbi or other communal officials visiting Israel.

Isralom's representatives argue that apart from the benefits of identification between a synagogue and Israel, it is also a sound commercial proposition for synagogue funds, since housing in Israel shows one of the highest appreciation rates in the world.

The Federation of Synagogues, one of Anglo – Jewry's main synagogal bodies with 16 constituent synagogues and 27 affiliated congregations decided in 1972 to buy the Armon Hotel, Netanya, as its Israel centre.

23 killed by Iraqis, AJC says

PARIS (JTA) –
At least 23 Jews were murdered by the Iraqi regime in the past year, the highest such total ever, the European office of the American Jewish Committee charged in a report on Jews in Middle Eastern countries.

Fifteen Jewish men and three women arrested by Iraqi police and security forces during an eight-month period beginning September 1972, never have been seen or heard from again and must be presumed dead, the AJC affirmed.

Five more Jews, members of the Reuven Kashkush family, were machine-gunned to death in their home by a police unit, as part of Iraqi "vengeance" following the Israeli commando raid into Beirut last April. Still another Jew found murdered in his house in unexplained circumstances may have been yet another security forces victim, the AJC reported.

"Persistent refusal of Iraqi authorities to provide any information about the fate of the 18 persons arrested plus recent revelations by the highest Iraqi leaders of prison torture and killings in that country permit no other conclusion than that these Jews were put to death."

The largest previous toll of Jewish deaths in any one year occurred when nine Jews were publicly hanged in Baghdad and Basra on alleged treason charges in January 1969, and two others were executed by Iraq in prison the following August.

Meanwhile, Syrian authorities continue to "play dumb" regarding the fate of Albert Elia, the secretary of the Jewish community of Beirut, known to have been kidnapped by Syrian security forces in September 1971.

No more than 400 Jews still live in Iraq according to AJC estimates. The Jewish community – once 120,000 strong, the largest in the Middle East – is at the brink of disintegration as Jews depart steadily when emigration is permitted.

Canadian bodies join worldwide protests over Austrian action

The barrage of world-wide criticism that followed Austria's decision to close the transit facilities for Soviet Jews emigrating to Israel, appears to be having an effect. Latest word from Vienna is that the facilities are still being used and that the Austrian government, smarting under the denunciation, is working on alternative plans to replace the facilities.

The yielding to Arab terrorist demands once more points up the failure of the nations to agree on uniform measures to combat hijackings and other forms of terrorism.

The world press was virtually unanimous in condemning the Austrian government's surrender to the Palestinian terrorists who had kidnapped three emigrating Soviet Jews and an Austrian border guard. **The Globe and Mail**, in an editorial captioned Austria's Shameful Step, said in part:

"To wipe out a badly needed humanitarian program, which has aided so many thousands fleeing oppression, because of the outrageous blackmail of two terrorists, is indefensible. In the eyes of civilized nations everywhere, Austria stands today as a country disgraced."

Philip Givens, national CZF president, sent a strongly-worded telegram to the Austrian Chancellor. It read in part: "It is a sad day for the Austrian people when a handful of Arab criminals, committed to destruction and murder, can extort from your government the lives and future of a persecuted people."

The national president urged that the promise to the blackmailers be revoked on the ground that it has no moral basis, "and reinstate the conditions which will permit the free and unfettered transit of Soviet Jews through Austria . . ."

When Austria agreed to shut down Israel's key European staging post for Jews leaving the Soviet Union, it was another victory for Arab terrorists, specifically and for criminals of all kinds, says Sydney M. Harris, chairman of the Canadian Jewish Congress National Committee for Soviet Jewry.

"Where will this piracy lead? Unless the free world takes firm steps immediately to halt this lunacy, we cannot ensure and protect the freedom of man," he said in a statement this week.

"Many Jews, denied their basic human rights in the USSR, have already been subjected to long delays, harassment and persecution before leaving, and now Austria, blackmailed by criminals, has apparently withdrawn the use of the Schonau transit camp."

Harris continued: "I am appalled at the reaction of the Austrian government in giving in to the demands of these terrorists. History shows that when pirates roamed the seas, when stagecoaches and trains were robbed, the perpetrators of these crimes were dealt with as criminals. What has happened to the conscience of the world when it allows pressure from criminals to force governments to give in to their demands?

"We trust that there will

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Seek to emigrate

80 Soviet Jews endorse petition

LONDON (JCNS) –
The signatures of Professor Benjamin Levich, Dr. Alexander Lerner, Vladimir Slepak and Victor Polsky are among the signatories of a petition handed into the Soviet Communist Party's central committee appealing for the right to emigrate to Israel, writes the JCNS East Europe correspondent.

The petition contests statements made by the Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev about the numbers of Jews being allowed to leave the Soviet Union. It recalled Brezhnev's statement on Jewish emigration from the Soviet Union to New York's Senator Jacob Javits in which he referred to a list of 742 names of Jews who had apparently been refused permission to leave for Israel.

Brezhnev explained that some of the 742 persons named, had in fact, already received permission, that some had changed their minds or not renewed their applications and that others had been refused permission for security reasons.

The Moscow group, which represents more than 80 Soviet Jews, said none of their previous appeals to the party's highest body had been acknowledged, and they also complained that they had never received any written acknowledgment of their applications to leave for Israel.

The petition said: "When is this mockery going to stop? When are the authorities going to respect and apply their own laws and also international laws and commitments instead of acting according to secret instructions? We want an answer. When will positive decisions be communicated to us?"

The petitioners circulated a copy of the petition among foreign correspondents in Moscow. "We know that the instructions of which our fate depends come from the central committee – that is from whom the KGB (security police) and the MVD (ministry of interior) take their orders.

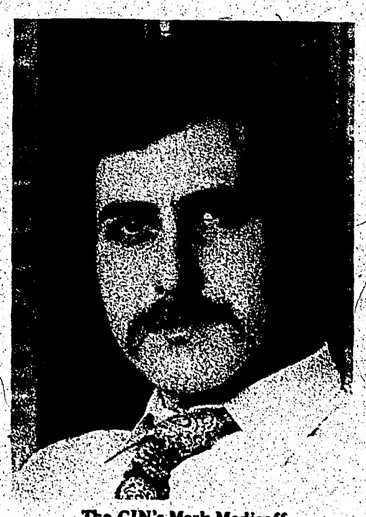
"We are without rights before the Soviet authorities. We cannot even file a complaint when permission to leave is refused to us, as refusals are only given verbally," the appeal added.

3.3 million population now in Israel

JERUSALEM (JCNS) –
According to the latest issue of the Israel government's statistical year book, Israel has a total population of 3.3 million, including some 2.8 million Jews and about 500,000 non-Jews.

The country's population increased by 3.3% last year over 1971. The year book shows a decline in the country's birthrate and an increase in the number of women in the labor force. Dr. Moshe Sikron, chief government statistician, said there was "probably a connection between the two facts."

Jewish education in Quebec is undergoing historic change



The CJN's Mark Medicoff

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(First of a series)

MONTREAL –
The Montreal Jewish community is in the midst of an historic social change, a development which will permanently effect the course of Jewish education in the province and serve to reflect the degree of Jewish commitment to Quebecois life.

Almost 30% of all Jewish children in this city attend schools composing the Association of Jewish Day Schools, a figure which represents the highest proportional attendance ratio of any metropolis in North America, including New York City.

In these schools the language of common use is English, with French assuming, what is termed, the "secondary" language of instruction. The community now is in the throes of anxious deliberation, for government legislation passed in 1969 will eventually reverse this linguistic tradition.

Instead of French assuming a secondary role, English will and where once English dominated classroom discussions in geography, or history, or science, French will, and where once Jewish schools were considered English Jewish schools, they will eventually be known as the French Jewish schools.

The educators, administrators, and lay representatives are discussing the issue. They will decide, once and for all, the community's future as equal linguistic partners in the French province or as the "irritating" sub-group devoted to maintaining the linguistic status quo.

To understand the reasoning of this linguistic-educational policy is to comprehend the aspirations of the majority in the French province.

Until the early '60s, education and language policy were considered low priorities in the long-time Union Nationale government, but once the Quiet Revolution of Jean Lesage and his Liberals swept the province, these matters achieved a new prominence.

Only by the early '60s was education deemed important enough to have a minister attached to the portfolio, for before that time the education scene was dominated by two committees firmly entrenched in language and religious differences.

When the FLQ bombs and independence rhetoric shattered the solitude of the Quiet Revolution, the Liberals came to recognize that language and culture were not only the most "urgent" issues of the present, but of the forever. The new bilingual Quebec would get underway in the schools with the young.

As a result of powerful pressure groups, a number of educational ministers failed to implement French language and confessional (religious) policy in the public school sector, but a formula orchestrated over a year ago, was finally adopted.

With the recently implemented Bill 71, parents could make the decision to send their children to schools with the religious and linguistic persuasion of their choice. But the teaching of French would nevertheless command a more pronounced emphasis.

Bill 71 also succeeded in correcting decades of injustices against Quebec Jews – of quota systems and discriminatory laws – and in 1972, for the first time in Quebec history, Jews have no more and no less rights than any other group.

Five years prior to the legislating of Bill 71, a Jewish-school arrangement was granted to the community by the Union Nationale government, and the former minister of education, Jean-Guy Cardinal, permitted Jews to enjoy "associate-status" with the Protestant School Board of Greater Montreal (and to enjoy the resulting financial windfalls). But Bill 71 has wiped out the special associate-status privilege.

In 1967-68, the Association of Jewish Day Schools (under the auspices of the Canadian Jewish Congress) served as the instrument between government and all the Jewish schools.

The association's founding president is Ben Beutel, a working and successful businessman who is in retirement age. He has a long and memorable career in education in Montreal. He is credited with establishing the special arrangements with Quebec and as president, with putting the five-school system of the United Talmud Torahs on their financial feet. Beutel, (with his intimate friend, the late Samuel Bronfman), is credited with keeping the Jewish school system out of the financial realm of the Montreal welfare fund. This factor, like a ghost from the blurry past, will come to haunt the Jewish day schools.

WORLD NEWS

Two Arab are indicted for attack at Athens

ATHENS (JCNS) -
Two Arab terrorists who shot down and injured dozens of passengers with a submachine gun and grenades at Athens airport last August were indicted last week for trial.

Five people died and 45 were injured according to the indictment issued by the council of magistrates of the Athens court of appeals.

El Arid Shafik, 22, a typographer, and Khantouran Tallal, 21, unemployed, were arrested at the airport after attacking a crowd of passengers waiting for a flight to New York. The five victims killed were Albert Kersten, a 55-year-old Orthodox Jew from New Jersey; Mrs. Jeannie Salenti, a 23-year-old American who was on her honeymoon; Wolfgang Ullhofen, a 50-year-old Viennese lawyer who had been on holiday in Greece with his family and a 16-year-old American girl, Laura Haack, who died in hospital after the attack; and Henry Leppo, 24, a federal civil servant who died of injuries in a New York institution.

The two Arabs have been indicted on seven counts, including willful homicide - a crime which carries a possible death sentence. Under interrogation the two men admitted they were members of the terrorist organization, Black September. They claimed they had orders to kill passengers bound for Israel but admitted they had hit the wrong people by mistake.

Authority will decide on Jewish housing

NEW YORK (JTA) -
A U.S. Court of Appeals ordered a federal district judge to hold trial to determine whether the New York City Housing Authority may rent many of the flats in a federally assisted low income project on the Lower East Side to elderly Jews for whom the flats had been ear-marked.

The recent order, in effect rejected the validity of a ruling by District Court Judge Morris Lasker earlier in the year, that the plan excluded Puerto Rican residents of the area and used religious criteria in the assignment of apartments.

The Appeals Court decision by a three-judge panel, rendered by Judge Walter R. Mansfield, rejected Judge Lasker's ruling that Hispanic and Black minorities had absolute preference for the flats because they lived in the neighborhood.

The panel found that, on the contrary, if rental of the flats

New town is closer to reality

MONTREAL -
After a number of years of administrative difficulties "Canada Town" came closer to reality last week when an agreement was signed between the Canadian investors and the Israel Land Authority.

The group, headed by Hyman Bessin, Immediate Canadian Zionist Federation past president and Rubin Zimmerman, Montreal chairman, Israel Bond Organization, has acquired 65 acres of raw coastal land south of Natanya.

Plans call for the construction of 1,600 apartment units and villas, a 45 dunam tourist centre with hotels, restaurants and marina, a Western style shopping centre and a number of cultural facilities and synagogues.

The CZF is represented on the board of directors and participates in the profits of the corporation. Bessin recently indicated that the units will sell for approximately 20% less than current prices as a result of the economy of manpower and materials.

Bessin gift to museum

JERUSALEM (JCNS) -
Hyman Bessin, a Canadian Jew, formerly of Ottawa, has presented 200 well preserved Hasmonean coins, dating from the period of Alexander Yanai (103 - 37 BCE) to the Israel Museum. The collection includes some bronze coins not found in any other part of the world.

The 19th Three-Day March ended with a parade passing through the streets of Jerusalem. Prime Minister Meir looks on with other Israel VIPs. (About 22,000 walked for three days, about 25 miles per day. (Israel Sun Photo)

Left wing influences seen in Latin American youth

JERUSALEM (JCNS) -
Latin American Jewish Youth are apparently under strong left wing influences - even those associated with Zionist-oriented youth movements - Itzhak Navon, Knesset deputy speaker, said after returning from Latin America. Israel must remember this, he continued, when attempting any dialogue with them.

Navon rejected the report of Nissim Elnecave, Buenos Aires correspondent of the JCNS, that young left wingers had booed him when addressing a mass rally in Buenos Aires which was the culmination of Argentine Jewry's celebrations of Israel's 25th anniversary.

He said leaders of youth delegations had told him afterwards that there were indeed some shouts from the crowd but this was because microphones were not working and they could not hear him. But he confirmed the report that there was consistent heckling from some sections of the 15,000 strong audience when the president of Argentina's Zionist Organization, Dr. Lazaro Rubinson, sought to address the rally.

The main calls were: "Speak less and do more," and similar phrases.

This is part of the problem," Navon noted. He felt there was a growing estrangement between the traditional Zionist leadership and committed youth "far outpacing the generation gap we have come to know elsewhere in the West."

For a long time, said Navon, he had thought too much of Israel's efforts in the Diaspora were focused almost exclusively on the more affluent adult generation when more attention is due poorer sections of Jewish communities and youth.

"What is happening in Latin America is a case in point," Navon said. He conceded that appropriate personnel were hard to find in Israel but he thought the country had to give top priority to sending the right type of emissaries. They had to be qualified to talk and argue with youth on their own terms with understanding of the extreme pressures and influences on the social milieu in which they lived.

Only then could their subsistence on slogans such as supporting the Palestinians' right to self-determination and the tendency to lump Israel with imperialist forces, be put into a correct context, Navon said.

During period between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, thousands visit the Western Wall.

U.S. watching PLO situation

WASHINGTON (JTA) -
The U.S. government gave no indication what course it will pursue over the establishment in East Berlin of a Palestine Liberation Organization office.

"We are aware of the situation" and "we are following the matter very closely," the state department spokesman Paul Hare said in response to questions from the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. He had no immediate reply to whether the U.S. is consulting with the Soviet, French and British governments over the situation. The Big Four, in signing the Berlin Pact, had agreed on elimination of tension and "the prevention of complications."

When a West German correspondent asked Hare why the U.S. is following the situation "closely," Hare replied, "because of our interest in that matter." He did not elaborate.

Heinz Galinski, head of the West Berlin Jewish community, has personally appealed to Erich Honecker, the Communist Party head in East Germany, to reconsider providing the Arab terrorists with a base in East Berlin.

Triple funds for housing

TEL AVIV (JCNS) -
Defence Minister Moshe Dayan said in Gaza that Israel is to triple its financial allocation next year for housing to rehabilitate Palestinian refugees in the Gaza Strip.

Dayan, who was touring the region, said that $15 would be spent on building projects in 1974 - and this would rise in the following year to $25 million.

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Among those who received 25th anniversary medals from the Israel government for their aid to that country's tourism industry last week were (back, from left) Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, Sarah Pachter, Mrs. Ray D. Wolfe (on behalf of her husband) and Emil Aufgang. In the front are Bernie Zeldman (left) and Murray Heifetz. (Photo by Gadi Hoz)

Award tourism medals

TORONTO -

Seven Torontonians have received 25th anniversary medals from the Israel government for their aid to that country's tourism industry during her first quarter century.

In a ceremony at the Inn on the Park last week, Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut of Holy Blossom Temple, businessmen and community leaders Ray D. Wolfe and Murray B. Koffler and travel industry executives Bernie Zeldman, Sarah Pachter, Emil Aufgang and Murray Heifetz were awarded the medals by Amram Zur, North American representative of the Israel ministry of tourism.

Along with the medals, minted in silver, the recipients got letters from Tourism Minister Moshe Kol praising their efforts. Three hundred medals were minted by the ministry for presentation to persons around the world.

Among those taking part in the ceremony were Shmuel Ovnat, Israel consul in Toronto, Canadian Zionist Federation President Phil Givens and Amnon Gil-Ad, director for Canada of the Israel government tourist office.

Three Montreal travel agency executives - Herb Niren, Syd Starr and Max Goliger - were also awarded the medal.

'No problems in Chile'

MONTREAL -

A telegram received by the Canadian Jewish Congress last week reports that the Chilean Jewish community has not encountered any derisive activities following the takeover of the military coup in September.

Marc Turcow, general secretary of the World Jewish Congress who is stationed in Buenos Aires, Argentina, sent a telegram to Montreal where he said: "Chilean Jewish community has no problems. Jewish institutions functioning normally. Shana Tova."

Turcow sent the notice following radio and television reports on the Canadian broadcasting system asserting a rebirth of anti-Semitism in the country.

The newscasts said that an article appeared in the largest Chile daily **El Mercurio** which was considered a vicious right-wing attack against the Jews.

Alan Rose, assistant executive director of Congress told **The Canadian Jewish News** that Chilean rabbis were invited to participate in an Ecumenical Service on Sept. 19 without incident.

Delegation meets Sharp

Ottawa favors free negotiations

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OTTAWA -

External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp told a delegation of prominent Jewish leaders in Ottawa last week that Canada's posture on the Middle East at the UN General Assembly will be to favor free negotiations between Israel and neighboring Arab countries.

According to Meyer Bick, Canada - Israel Committee executive director, the secretary of state acknowledged that no real peace can be achieved in the Middle East unless settlement is directly negotiated by the parties concerned.

Canada's commitment to this policy is an important stance for Israel since many nations at the UN favor an imposed settlement on the Jewish state, a settlement where Israel would likely get the raw end of the deal.

Bick told **The Canadian Jewish News** following the meeting that Canada will continue to support Resolution 242, an article passed after the Six Day War which calls for the "withdrawal of Israeli armed forces from territories occupied by Israel in the recent conflict."

The resolution said that every state in the area has the "right to live in peace within secure and recognized boundaries." The intentionally ambiguous phrasing of the resolution is considered by Arab countries as calling for Israel's pull back to pre-1967 borders, while Israel maintains it will pull back only from certain areas.

The United States, which favors direct or indirect negotiations for peace, has refrained from upsetting the delicate balance established by the all-important Resolution 242.

"Sharp told us that the UN has got to stop speaking in terms of rhetoric," said Bick, "and that voting must work more on a basis of consensus."

Bick told The CJN that Sharp recognizes the UN as a political body and not as a court of morality or justice.

An important distinction given present UN policies.

The Ottawa meeting was arranged by the Canada-Israel Committee, a body devoted to Israeli affairs in Canada, and composed of the Canadian Zionist Federation and the Canadian Jewish Congress.

The 11-member delegation spoke to the minister for over one and a half hours - a period considered substantial by Ottawa standards - at a meeting described by participants as friendly and cordial.

Meetings held with high government officials are regarded as highly consequential by community leaders because they inform the government of the most salient concerns of the over 250,000 Jewish voters in Canada, and often serve to make the government aware of issues relating to the world's Jewish population.

According to Bick the minister also replied to the issue of the Palestinian movement in the Middle East. "Sharp recognized that Palestinian demands are incompatable with Israel's existence and he said that a compromise must be arrived at in a future peace settlement."

Bick said that Rabbi Dr. Gunther Plaut delivered a statement to Sharp regarding Palestinians who live within Israel's borders. The rabbi was reported to say that the living standards of Israeli Arabs have improved, thus laying the foundation for such a compromise.

Also discussed at the meeting was the European Conference on Security and Co-operation (Helsinki Conference). Alan Rose, assistant executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, urged Sharp to exact concessions from the USSR in the field of human rights.

"As detente proceeds, repression increased," Rose told **The CJN**. With detente the USSR is internally fighting against 'ideological contamination' and as a result the country is even more severe in its harassment of Jews, especially those who want to emigrate.

Rose asked Canada to make specific pleas for the emigration of Soviet Jews, and the reuniting of divided families following the Second World War.

Optimistic regarding Ontario

TORONTO -

Ontario aliyah has only dropped slightly while indications are it may reverse itself and eventually stabilize, members of Canadian Zionist Federation were told last week.

Joshua Bar-El, director of the Israel Aliyah Centre, addressing 70 regional executive and constituent organizations' representatives said, while declining North American aliyah figures are disappointing, Ontario strikes a note of optimism.

While Bar-El felt it was important to make the public aware of aliyah, he continually emphasized a need for individual attention for the potential Olim. He proposed to establish in the Toronto area several "Chugai Bayit" - small circles of individuals who will meet informally in private homes to discuss the feasibility for personal aliyah. Bar-El also appealed for support for the "primary aim" of the Zionist movement - aliyah.

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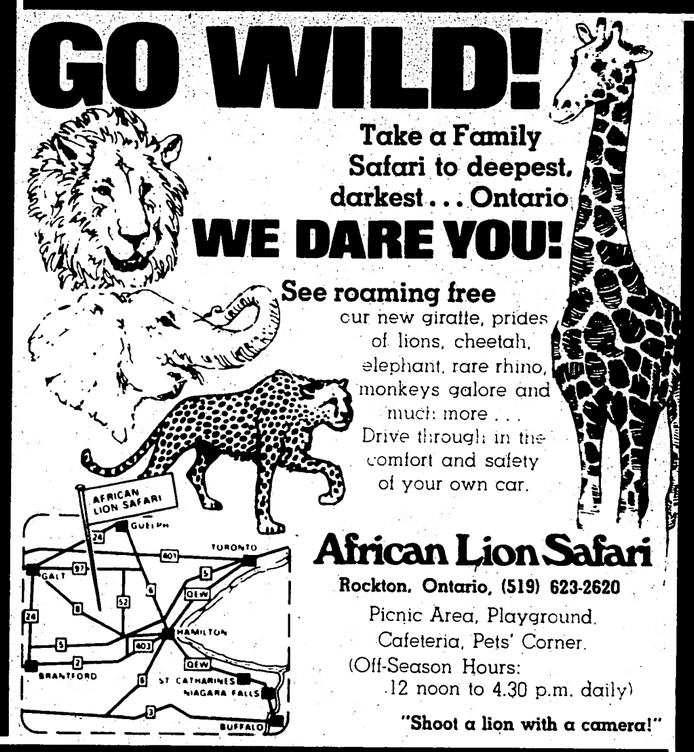

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Guest editorial

A revitalized Jewish community needs departure from status quo

By RUPERT SHRIAR

"I didn't know about that" – or "they won't help you anyway" – or "who cares what I think!"

Some expressions of futility heard only too often in reference to Jewish community services and those who run them! And with a growing population moving into new and disparate areas of Metro, the sense of frustration is becoming even more vexing, for everyone – wealthy, middle-class and poor.

How then can the 113,000-strong Toronto Jewish community overcome the ever more pervasive and fragmenting effects of current trends toward bigness, social distance and individual isolation? How to recapture that shtetl spirit which stimulated the co-operative efforts to establish the present system of religious, cultural, educational, social, welfare and health institutions which have until now so effectively and uniquely served the varied needs and aspirations of the community?

Surely top priority must be to a commitment to re-establishing a recognized central organization responsible for addressing the overall questions of the quality of Jewish communal activity and the satisfaction of the individual and social life of each of us.

Such a planning, policy-making, priority setting, implementing, evaluating, budgeting and fund raising community-wide based Jewish Community Council would locate unequivocally the central source of responsibility; provide for representation from the widest cross-section of interests; offer opportunity for highly committed lay and professional leadership to address most effectively the essential questions of Jewish creative growth and development.

Such an idea relies heavily on two basic precepts, however. First, that both formal and informal channels of communications – the information base – be greatly expanded. And secondly, that real opportunities to participate in questions and issues of substance be equally enlarged.

This means developing better eyes and ears, much more sensitive to what is really going on among those involved in Jewish community living, as well as among those determining Jewish community policy, and making Jewish communal decisions. It also means a special emphasis in trying to reach everyone – the uncommitted, the uninformed, and those with special interests and requirements.

In Toronto an effective experiment in community dialogue – Town Talk – is already proving its value in this regard. A method of reaching out to groups of all types, this pilot project has over the past year and a half made contact with some 20 ideological, service, social and religious groups.

One result has been to significantly affect the communications between a wider cross-section of the community and the United Jewish Welfare Fund through its social planning committee, which, by conducting the experiment, has been able to make assessment and recommendations based upon a broader base of contact and of information.

This concept of Town Talk – or communal dialogue – could, through increased contacts between representatives of central Jewish Community Council and individuals and organizations, increase greatly the awareness of community concerns and issues; encourage continuing reassessment of services, of attitudes and of values; help undergird leadership at many levels; and involve in a personal way larger numbers of people than ever before in overall community concerns.

Useful guidelines; results of the recent attempts to initiate this new approach; knowledgeable leaders in the use of sophisticated techniques of group discussion; audio and visual stimulation; adult education processes and public relations, all exist.

What is needed now, on the one hand, is a perceptible demand for inclusion by significant numbers not satisfied with the status quo; and on the other hand, vested interests and a willingness to share some of the action by those who now wield relatively unchallenged power and control. Nothing can be lost – rather the prize can and should be a revitalized Jewish community life with both participating in and leading!

Mr. Shriar is a Jewish community social planner.

Once thriving community

End of an era sees Vegreville without enough Jews for minyan

There is always a certain amount of sadness when an era comes to an end and this was the case recently in the town of Vegreville, Alberta, which is about 60 miles east of Edmonton.

At one time, Vegreville had a thriving Jewish community – large enough to be included in the circuit for visiting speakers from Israel and major U.S. and Canadian centres. Most major fund-raising campaigns operated in Vegreville and its Hadassah chapter was one of the most active in Alberta.

As early as 1919 Vegreville had a synagogue and by 1929 the community had grown so substantially that a new, larger one was built.

But all that is past. Now there is only a handful of Jewish families in the town – not even enough for a minyan. The synagogue property has been sold and the building is to be demolished. On June 10 the final minchah service was held, the shofar was sounded and Congregation Israel passed into the history of Canadian Jewry.

What is significant is that while the Jews of Vegreville were deeply devoted to the Jewish way of life, they were still able to play an important role in building the general community. The **Vegreville Observer**, commenting on the closing of the synagogue, noted that "... it was always the wish of our citizens to be proud of their town, to make it a worthwhile place to live in. The Jewish community was no exception in this respect ... It would be difficult to enumerate the many men and women of the Jewish community who excelled themselves in every endeavor to further advancement of our town; to leave something of themselves for the good of Vegreville ..."

Many of the Jews of Vegreville have gone on to help strengthen the Jewish communities of the larger Western Canadian centres. They are communal leaders in Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver and other large cities. This is pretty well the pattern for Western Canadian Jews. you build a life in a small town and then – often reluctantly – carry on in a larger city because, after all, Judaism flourishes best in the larger centres.

It seems a shame that the closely knit and warm small-town life of Jews cannot continue forever, as it does for many non-Jews. But the perils of assimilation are great in the small towns – even in such a flourishing community as Vegreville's – and it becomes almost imperative to congregate in the cities if Jews are to maintain their identity.

It would be nice if the smaller Jewish communities were still viable. They would probably be ideal retirement centres for many city Jews who want to get away from the big city pressures in their sunset years.

Perhaps some day the Jewish community planners will take a long, hard look at the Canadian past and find in the history a solution to the growing problems of the future.

David Markish, the writer who recently came to Israel from Russia, went through an Orthodox wedding with his wife Iren. The couple were married in a civil ceremony while still in the Soviet Union. Performing the wedding is Rabbi Lau. (IPPA)

A.J. Arnold begins his series of Jews in Canadian history

A.J. Arnold was western regional director, Canadian Jewish Congress, with headquarters in Winnipeg, from 1965 until his retirement last January. He is executive secretary of the Jewish Historical Society of Western Canada. Mr. Arnold has held numerous public service posts and his career has included journalism and considerable writing on a variety of Jewish and general topics. His articles will appear regularly in The Canadian Jewish News.

By A.J. ARNOLD

A. J. Arnold

In recent years Jews have been getting more than their share of headlines in the Canadian press and feature treatment in other media. This arises from a variety of major issues: Israel and the Middle East; the situation of Jews in the Soviet Union; the position of Jews in Quebec; or simply from the prominence of individual Jews in so many areas of Canadian life. It is self-evident that "Jews make news" – and some would undoubtedly say "too much."

What is less well known, however, and very little understood is the extent and nature of the involvement of Jews in more than 200 years of Canadian history. It is therefore timely to undertake a column on the central theme: **What really happened in Canadian Jewish history?** Specific topics will relate as often as possible to contemporary events. This introductory column deals with a rather lamentable effort to introduce Canadian Jewish history to school children.

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Many existing works of Canadian Jewish history abound in myths and mistakes arising largely from incomplete or faulty research. This was well illustrated in a recent edition of **Jewish Current Events** (April 16–30, 1972), "the students text for home and school," which is apparently quite widely used in Jewish schools in Canada and the U.S. In an article of some 700 words on how Jews settled in Canada there were no less than seven inaccuracies of some consequence.

"Few Jews were permitted to settle under the French," the JCE article stated. Actually Jews were prevented from settling in New France, as Canada was then known, by a French royal decree of 1627, barring non-Catholics and particularly directed against Huguenots. As for Jews, if there were any rare exceptions, they were Marranos or their descendants.

According to JCE, "the first Jewish arrivals were British military men ..." Aaron Hart, one of the first Jews to arrive with the British in 1759, has been described as a "commissary officer" in the army. According to Jacob Marcus, director of the American Jewish Archives in Cincinatti, Hart was merely a civilian supplier of goods for the army. British law barred Jews from any office or place of trust, either civil or military. The one Jew definitely with the British forces was Alexander Schomberg, commander of the frigate Diana during the attack on Quebec. Schomberg had converted to Christianity, the only way a Jew could achieve high office in those years.

JCE gives 1838 as the date of the building of the first Canadian synagogue in Montreal. This is wrong by a mere 60 years! Shearith Israel, the first Jewish congregation, was founded in Montreal in 1768 and erected its first synagogue building in 1777.

Next the JCE relates that David Oppenheimer, one of the founders of Vancouver, "was the first Jewish mayor in Canada." This would be correct if the words – after confederation – were added. In 1858 William Hyman was elected mayor of Cap des Rosiers, a French village in the Gaspe, and on Vancouver Island Lumley Franklin served as mayor of Victoria in 1866. JCE also says "both Montreal and Toronto have had Jewish mayors." This is half-right since the city of Montreal has never had a Jewish mayor, though Samuel Moscovitch has been mayor of the Montreal suburb of Cote St. Luc since the early 1960's.

Turning to land settlement, JCE states that farming "became the main occupation of 340 Jewish arrivals who reached Winnipeg in 1882 ..." These escapees from the Russian pogroms did go west with the object of settling on the land but most of them never did because no land was made available for two years. By then only 28 of the original groups were still ready to try farming.

Finally the JCE says "Winnipeg recently honored the memory of its first Jewish settlers (the Coblentz brothers) at an exhibit." That particular exhibit, mounted in 1967, actually dealt with 90 years of Jewish life in Western Canada, but to the JCE it was a book with only one page!

This is page one of **What Really Happened in Canadian Jewish History?** There will be many more.

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ask the rabbi

Is Messiah Ashkenazi, reader asks

1. As a Sephardi Jew it irritates me to hear it said that the Messiah will be an Ashkenazi. Is there any basis for this?

As an Ashkenazi Jew it irritates me still more to think that some of my fellow–Ashkenazim should have been guilty of such nonsense. They need to be reminded that Elijah, the herald of the Messiah, came to reconcile the divisions among our people: "And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers" (Malachi 3, 24) and, it is permitted to add, the heart of Jews to their fellow-Jews of every tradition.

It is worth noting in this connection that it is the Sephardi version of the kaddish which contains a prayer for the coming of the Messiah – "ve-yatzmach purkonav," a version adopted by the Chassidim, though they were Ashkenazim. What you say reminds me of the story of the little Chassidic boy who asked his father whether God is a Chassid or a Mitnaged. The father replied that He must be a Mitnaged, otherwise He would say "ve-yatzmach purkonav" and the Messiah would come.

2. It was reported in the Jewish Chronicle that the Falashas of Ethiopia are now recognized as Jews by the Israeli rabbinate. Can you explain the reasons for and against this recognition?

The argument against accepting the Falashas as Jews is that there is evidence neither of them being descended from Jews nor of being converted to the Jewish faith. But as early as the sixteenth century the famous rabbinic authority, David Ibn Abi Zimra, ruled that the Falashas are Jews descended from the tribe of Dan. This opinion was quoted by the late Rabbi Kook and is evidently behind the decision of the Israeli rabbinate to accord recognition to the Falashas as Jews.

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Rabbi Goren lives up to expectations as a person who speaks his mind

By CHARLES HYAMS
CJN British Correspondent

LONDON –

Anglo-Jewry's fund-raisers for Israel are still recovering from the impact which Shlomo Goren, Ashkenazi chief rabbi of Israel, made during a brief five-day visit here on their behalf.

Goren, with a reputation for saying what he thinks, was invited to come to Britain to launch the annual Kol Nidre Appeal. Shortly after his arrival, he was told that the target for the appeal was half a million pounds. In disbelief, he asked at a public meeting of rabbis and lay leaders: "Is this the achievement of the whole community? You ought to raise double or treble that amount."

What the distinguished visitor did not know was that modest target itself, if reached, would be a record for the Kol Nidre Appeal. Last year, with the same target, only a little over 400,000 pounds was raised. And, perhaps, ever more disturbing, half the worshippers in synagogue when the appeal is made on this most solemn of occasions, ignored Israel's needs completely and contributed nothing.

In the face of Rabbi Goren's (justified) reproach, the organizers of the appeal got into a quick huddle and announced later that same day the target was being doubled.

Though Rabbi Goren made a great impression on all his audiences, it is extremely unlikely that the new target will be reached. Cynics are doubtful whether the original 500,000 pounds will be reached, even though the slogan this year is "Every worshipper a contributor" and the theme for the campaign is the urgent need to provide Israel with financial help so that immigrants can continue to come out of the Soviet Union and other countries of oppression.

Rabbi Shlomo Goren

Though Goren has been to England before, he has never come in the role of chief rabbi. Indeed, Anglo-Jewish historians were scratching their heads to discover whether any Israeli chief rabbi had visited here in the past.

In addition to his fund-raising appeals, Rabbi Goren, who was accompanied by his wife, made it his business to see other aspects of the community. On the first morning he was here, he dashed straight from a press conference to address pupils at the largest Jewish day school in the country. He returned greatly impressed by what he had seen.

Then he had an historic encounter – at his own request – with the two leaders of the Christian churches here, Dr. Michael Ramsey, archbishop of Canterbury, and Cardinal Heenan, archbishop of Westminster. In addition to paying courtesy calls, Rabbi Goren took the opportunity to raise two important issues on which he hoped that the archbishops would exert whatever influence they could: the plight of Soviet-Jewish intellectuals unable to leave Russia and the increased activity in Israel of Christian missionaries.

Everyone who heard and saw Rabbi Goren – and unfortunately this was only a small minority of the community, as no public meeting was arranged – went away deeply moved and impressed by his personality. Whether their impressions will be translated into cash remains to be seen when the Kol Nidre Appeal pledges are added up.

Letters to the Editor

A bouquet for us; a brickbat for BB

Dear Editor:

The impact of **The Canadian Jewish News** was brought to my attention in a very dramatic way during the past week. As a result of Jay Stone's article on the YMHA's post cardiac program in which early detection through testing under different levels of physical stress was described, our physical education department has received to date 25 phone calls – and more were expected after the publication of the second part of the article.

The Canadian Jewish News must have a dedicated group of readers because similar stories in other papers and in other media reaching millions of readers and viewers have not elicited such responses.

Congratulations to **The Canadian Jewish News!** You have passed one of the most important tests – relevance.

Paul Brownstein
director, physical education department
YM-YWHA, Toronto

Dear Editor:

In the article Decriminalization of Marijuana (Sept. 14) you report that B'nai B'rith board of governors has called for a complete airing of the Watergate scandal and "decriminalization" (what a nice word) of marijuana, besides some justified demands concerning the suffering of Syrian and Iraqui Jews and the outrageous attacks on Israeli athletes at the World University Games in Moscow.

Do the governors of BB not have enough troubles of their own that they find it fit to intervene in an distinctly internal American political issue hashed and rehashed ad nauseam for quite a long time? Are they calling for some generalized, unified standpoint of their members amounting to a cumulative "Jewish" vote when the time comes?

Re marijuana, do they require legalization of a drug by far not yet adequately analyzed as to its immediate effects on the user and the dangerous consequences in frequent further use of more and more stronger drugs? What possible interest is it of a Jewish organization to call for more realistic evaluation of the situation and to decry criminal penalties against use of the drugs?

I have the impression that a Jewish organization is bound to fail in its legitimate role as defender of Jewish interests when concurrently trespassing in areas of other major concerns and issues.

Valerie White
Toronto

Soviet Jewish front

Broader strategy needed

By J.B. SALSBERG

(Second of three parts)

As stated last week, the major Jewish concerns in the year 5734 will, in my opinion, be three in number. The first will be Israel's confrontation with the issue of peace and the bridging of the gulf of social inequality on the home front.

The second of our concerns in the coming year, and the one I wish to deal with now, will relate to our continuing battle with Moscow on behalf of the 2 1/2 million Jews who live in the Soviet Union.

It seems to me that an objective evaluation of recent experiences suggests the need for broadening our strategy on this battle front.

The major lesson to be learned is that at present the Soviet Union is not immune to persistent and effective pressures from without. This has been demonstrated by the concessions which the militancy of the Russian Jewish vanguard has extracted from the Kremlin. Their daring and self-sacrifice focused world attention on the Jewish problem inside the USSR and it amazed and rattled those in authority in Moscow.

It was the Soviet Jewish activists who inspired world Jewry for a very impressive, world-wide, support-activity. This, in turn, rallied millions of fair-minded non-Jews to the banner of "freedom for Soviet Jews." The most dramatic and, so far, most effective of such support came from both houses of the U.S. Congress which are still withholding "favored nation" status from the Soviet Union in the current trade and financial negotiations.

To be sure Soviet concessions are lamentably inadequate. Jewish prisoners of conscience are still behind bars and in Siberia, cruel social and economic harassment of Soviet Jews is still being applied against many who requested exit permits. As for the iniquitous "head tax" it has only been set aside for the present but not eliminated and an unheard-of "hormal exit tax" of nearly $1,000 per person is still in effect.

But world pressure has nevertheless forced Moscow to slightly open its doors. True, it is only a minimal step and Moscow still violates the UN covenant on Human Rights. However, a minimum flow of some 30 - 40,000 Jewish emigrants from the USSR annually, as Brezhnev is alleged to have promised U.S. leaders when in Washington last, seems to continue and about 75,000 Soviet Jews have arrived in Israel in the last few years.

What, in the face of all this, should our policy be for the year ahead? There must, of course, be no weakening of our struggle for unrestricted exit rights, for freeing the prisoners of conscience and for ending the punitive harassment practices. But will that suffice? Is there a realistic expectation that Moscow will allow a truly massive exodus in the immediate future? If not, then what of the millions who will be forced to remain in Russia? Is the slogan "let my people go" sufficient? Or would it not be more correct in the face of reality, to also raise the slogan, "let them live as Jews"?

I know that some organized groups proposed such a dual slogan before now. However, the dominant opinion was for placing all emphasis on the simple slogan of "let my people go!" Some supported this slogan for purely tactical reasons and as most appropriate for the initial phase of the world-wide struggle for the rights of Russian Jews to leave. Others maintained that there is no hope whatsoever for normal, creative Jewish living in the Soviet Union and we must, therefore, concentrate on saving as many as possible before it becomes too late.

Whatever the merits of the opposing views, two things seem to be undeniably true now: The majority of Soviet Jews are not likely to leave Russia for a while, and yet they are now completely deprived of the most elementary requisites for Jewish living - culturally, religiously and socially. They are denied any form of Jewish education. Nor are they allowed a democratically elected, self-governing Jewish agency.

So, alongside our battle for the right of Soviet Jews to leave - "let my people go" - we need to raise the other slogan - "let them live as Jews" - with equal vehemence.

Experience has shown that world Jewry, when in harmony with and when harnessing democratic opinion constitute a formidable force. Experience has also shown that at the present the USSR gives way to such a force.

(To be continued next week)

Elaine Vine, a Toronto fourth-grade teacher who participated in summer sessions at Hebrew University in Jerusalem.

Fourth grade schoolteacher combines travel, education in summer course

JERUSALEM -

"You can't help but learn when your teacher is as interested in what her students know and absorb as mine was," says Elaine Vine, a Toronto fourth grade schoolteacher, who participated in the Hebrew University's summer session. "My teacher was dynamic, liked her work, demanded the most of her students, and all this gave her excellent results."

Elaine was here for a two-month course, using the credits for the five hours of daily Hebrew instruction for part of the linguistics requirements for her B.A. in Canada. Teaching by day and studying by night are quite demanding, so this summer course, which combined study with some free time for travelling and seeing the country, provided Elaine with a welcome change of pace.

The recreational aspect is included in the Hebrew University's program. Students are offered a wide variety of extra-curricular activities ranging over trips, tours, folkdancing, folksinging, tea parties where students from overseas can meet Israeli students, as well as many other cultural activities. All this serves to enrich one's knowledge of Israel: its history, language and people.

Elaine was one of approximately 800 students attending the 1973 summer session, held on the University's Mount Scopus campus. The Hebrew University, which in 1975 will celebrate its 50th anniversary, has an enrollment of some 18,000 students, 4,000 of whom are from abroad.

Commenting on the people, Elaine feels that they are much less inhibited than in Canada. While walking in town with her girlfriend, they decided to photograph one another. Suddenly, a shopkeeper came out and offered to shoot the two of them together.

"The friendliness of the people is demonstrated in many other ways as well. Everyone is so helpful; the man on the street is always ready to give directions," says Elaine. "This was the first time I was away from Canada for such a long period and it has been a terrific experience. Not just in the learning. I was sure I'd miss my family and friends, but here you just feel so at home that you are able to keep your mind on studies and also to utilize all available spare time to make friends and see the country."

Praying, fasting, waiting for Messiah

By JAMES KRAUS

JERUSALEM -

Flaming street barricades, stone throwing rioters, mass demonstrations against police brutality. Belfast? Berkeley? Paris? No, this is Jerusalem's Mea Shearim quarter, home of thousands of ultra-Orthodox Chassidic Jews protesting motor traffic on the Sabbath, integrated (male-female) swimming pools and other violations of religious law.

Five minutes from the centre of Jerusalem, the visitor steps into the past. This is the citadel of "Neturei Karta," the "guardian of the city," an organization of zealots who refuse to recognize the existence of the secular state of modern Israel and wait instead for the messiah to rebuild the ancient temple of Jerusalem. No Hebrew is spoken here. Only Yiddish, the language of the ghettos and shtetls (villages) of Eastern Europe, for to use Hebrew would profane the holy scripts.

Here, small groups from the now non-existent Jewish communities of Poland, Russia and Rumania have recreated the life they knew before it was destroyed in World War II, complete with yeshivot, mystical sects and synagogues where aged rabbis hold court disputing fine points of the Talmud with their followers.

Siebenburgen, Vilan, Munkacevo - these were all famous centres of Jewish learning before 1939. Today, their names can be read above the doors to prayer halls and communal organizations. From small synagogues rise the chanting of prayers or students reciting in unison. The Chassidic men, bearded and garbed in long black coats and broad brimmed hats, continue to wear the traditional costume of 17th century Poland. The women, in long dresses and black stockings, bind their shaven heads tightly with a kerchief in strict accordance with religious injunction.

A broad placard at the main gate to the quarter gives warning that "Women immodestly dressed will not be tolerated" and the unwary tourist who fails to pay heed is likely to be driven away in a shower of stones from swarms of small boys and indignant residents.

Streets run crookedly into one another at odd angles, life size replicas of a Chagall painting. Inside the homes, the rooms are scrupulously clean, but bare save for the minimum essentials - a chair, a bed, a wardrobe. Narrow entrances lead into courtyards where the Chassidim continue to lead much the life they knew in Europe, turning their back on the modern world and all its temptations. The community is largely self-contained and has its own schools and soup kitchens, supported by contributions from abroad.

In the streets of the market, beggars sit hunched up in corners, prayer books in their hands and small piles of copper coins beside them, and a shopkeeper sits dozing behind a sagging wooden stall littered with patched clothes and second hand pots and pans.

Nearby, piles of feather dust spew from a shredder that plucks freshly slaughtered chickens while a worker in a bloody apron stacks crates of squawking newcomers waiting their turn. A huge sign advertises "Tourist Shop." Underneath it, a window features a meagre display of dusty metal souvenir ashtrays and faded table cloths while on the sidewalk outside, a Bedouin haggles over a basket of figs with a neighborhood matron and with a flick of the hand disdainfully rejects her price. On the wall behind her, a tattered poster boldly attacks Israeli doctors for performing autopsies. Dust rises, the flies settle on meat hanging from hooks in the open sun and a ragged old woman carefully picks through a pile of discarded vegetables.

Built exactly 100 years ago, this December, Mea Shearim is one of the first quarters to be built outside the walls of the Old City. Its name - the 100 Gates - was chosen when 100 investors decided to pool their funds to build homes for themselves. Now, it is one of the poorest neighborhoods of the city and there has been little new construction in it since it was founded.

The houses crowd one onto the other, with additional rooms tacked on in a crazy patchwork of sheet metal propped up by shaky wooden pillars, a nightmare for the Jerusalem municipality which would like to put a highway through the area, but cannot because of opposition by a powerful bloc of religious parties. The Chassidim have no intention of moving elsewhere to meet the needs of the rapidly developing city. Municipalities may come and go, but they will remain. Praying, fasting, and waiting for the messiah.

Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery — and here youngsters position themselves in front of camera to imitate the work in the background. (Israel Sun Photo)

Bronia Klibansky of Yad Vashem

From survivor to archivist

By MIRIAM HERMAN

TORONTO -

Combine stamina, intelligence and ideals, add a fluency with the German language and an understanding of the German psychology, add blonde braids and blue eyes and you have what it took for Bronia Klibansky to survive in a non-Jewish world of war-time, German-occupied Poland.

As a 19-year-old member of the Zionist youth organization DROR, she was sent out from the Bialystok ghetto to act as courier, liaison and arms purchaser.

Now, 30 years older, eyes a little greyer, hair a little darker, she is chief archivist at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem.

On a recent visit to Toronto friends Charles and Eve Wittenberg, Mrs. Klibansky told **The CJN** how she lived as a Polish girl with a family that didn't know she was Jewish and how she worked as a cleaning maid for three inspectors so that she could travel about under their aegis without the necessary official travel permits.

The trips to the countryside were essential to buy the guns, bullets and grenades from the farmers who had gathered up the weapons abandoned by the defeated Polish army. Small arms were hidden in large loaves of bread and transported back to the city in food baskets or small valises, often with the assistance, unknowingly of course, of her train inspector employers.

"The Germans were so captured with their own ideals that they couldn't admit that someone could fool them," she said.

After the revolt of the Bialystok ghetto in 1943 (it was completely demolished), she became liaison officer to a small group of partisans in the forest - "I had to fight where Jewish people were, to give this fight a Jewish expression for history, for coming generations" - and she continued with the purchase of arms. She searched the streets for escaped Jews and conducted them to the partisans' forest hideaway.

It was here that she met her husband, Michael, a partisan parachuted in by the Polish army in Russia.

After the liberation, the Klibanskys spent nine years in Switzerland. Mrs. Klibansky studied art and drama while her husband obtained his doctorate degree in economics.

In 1954 they made aliyah to Israel where her husband served on the International Monetary Commission. Since the Jerusalem of that era was not exactly in need of an art and theatre critic, Mrs. Klibansky had to look for work in other directions. The newly established Yad Vashem was the answer and with her knowledge of eight languages, her Holocaust background and her experience with the organized underground archives, she was a natural.

Part of her workload is collecting reports, documents and photographs from all over the world, providing information for research and cataloguing the archive collections.

"Immediately after the war many historical committees were organized, even before the having of food," she said. "We felt it was a duty to tell about what happened and to document what we witnessed for the future."

One of the by-products of her work is the people she meets, people who visit Yad Vashem and those who bring their records to Israel to be a lasting remembrance. And that is how "the Wittenbergs came into my life" and subsequently the reason for her Toronto visit.

When Charles and Eve Wittenberg - he was a commandant with the French underground, and she was an officer - brought their Holocaust collection to Yad Vashem last February, they worked with Mrs. Klibansky for two weeks classifying the more than 60 pounds of documentary material. For the three, the friendship flourished in a sharing of past experiences.

The wedding of a distant relative in Montreal provided the impetus for Mrs. Klibansky, now widowed, to visit Canada and the stop-over in Toronto, a veritable whirlwind of tourist attractions and cultural events, was an opportunity to meet with her old-new friends once again.

The Wittenberg collection has become a permanent exhibit at Yad Vashem. The retired Toronto businessman and his wife were tendered a special reception and presented with a scroll by Yad Vashem officials in honor of their contribution to Jewish history.

Urges national policy forbidding smoking in hospitals -'institutions are to restore the ailing to good health'

By RABBI DAVID KIRSHENBAUM

Voices have been mounting recently by medical experts concerning the harmful effect of smoking on the health and life of man.

Specialists in the field of combatting cancer have established, without doubt, the connection of smoking with lung, throat, and mouth cancer; in addition to coronary thrombosis, ulcers, and allergy. They have declared, with certainty, that smoking shortens the life of man; that the number of deaths resulting from various sicknesses is 70% higher among smokers than among non-smokers.

Nowadays people cannot say that they do not know about the harm smoking causes. Everyone knows that smoking is an antidote to health. At the same time people purchase health insurance to safeguard their health in time of sickness, the same people purchase tobacco which is a sure insurance to accelerate their death.

Yes, all know it except the government, the hospital trustees, and the hospital administration.

The government does not carry on a sufficiently energetic campaign of enlightenment against the hazards of smoking. The government carries on a more widespread drive against cyclamate, and sweet drinks; also, against mercury found in swordfish than it does against smoking.

Furthermore, both directly and indirectly, the government subsidizes the tobacco industry, helping the tobacco producers to plant, and cultivate their tobacco products, despite the fact that they are aware, from authoritative scientific studies, that smoking shortens human life.

Hospitals are public institutions for ailing people to be restored to good health. Yet smoking is permitted in the hospitals. Trustees, administrative staff, and the majority of doctors who are treating patients with lung cancer, caused by smoking, keep on smoking continually.

As a member of Victoria Hospital Trust, I proposed, sometime ago, that smoking be forbidden in the hospital. Trustee members, however, argued that people to whom smoking is second nature, find it extremely difficult to wean themselves from it when they enter the hospital as patients.

True, we know of the difficulties involved in weaning people from the harmful habit, even though they know that in smoking cigarettes, cigars, or a pipe, they inhale a substance dangerous to their health. Comparable to arsenic, methyl-alcohol, carbon monoxide, and other agents of the angel of death. However, we believe that, inasmuch as the task of the hospital is to utilize all means wherewith to render man healthier, the dangerous hazard of smoking, must of necessity be forbidden.

Especially in the public wards where there are both smokers and non-smokers, and the latter inhale, against their will the smoke which is detrimental to their recovery, smoking must be stopped.

We believe that a national policy must be adopted whereby smoking in hospitals is forbidden.

Rabbi Kirshenbaum is a member of Victoria Hospital Trust in London, Ontario.

Organizations and People

what's new . . .

by Miriam Herman

FOR SOVIET JEWS

Simchat Torah rallies focusing on the rights of Soviet Jews will be held simultaneously in cities across the country on Saturday, Oct. 20. Rabbis have designated that day **Freedom Sabbath for Soviet Jews** and will speak from their pulpits on this subject. In the evening each Jewish community will hold a rally.

Also, the National Committee for Soviet Jewry suggests that phone calls to Russia continue, especially during the holiday season - the committee would like to be informed of calls sponsored by individuals or organizations. And Leah Feinman, committee national co-ordinator tells us that volunteers who speak Russian are needed to assist with calls. Just contact her at the Toronto Congress office.

COURSE IN JEWISH STUDIES

The first-ever course in **Contemporary Judaism** to be given at York University's Glendon College is heavily enrolled. The course, given by Dr. Stuart Schoenfeld, assistant professor of sociology, will examine factors that hinder and facilitate Jewish survival in various countries. Under discussion will be such topics as anti-Semitism, intermarriage, the dispersion of Jewish neighborhoods, "Jewish" occupations, and trends in religious observance and Jewish education.

HEBREW FOR TEACHERS

The Habet Ushma method of teaching Hebrew will be demonstrated for teachers in Jewish schools by Shula Fleisher, director of Detroit's Jewish Community Centre. The lecture, sponsored by the Board of Jewish Education, is set for Sunday, Oct. 14, at 4 p.m. at the Bialik School, Viewmount Ave.

And please note a change - the last session of the puppetry workshop, Sunday, Oct. 7, will now be held at the Haifa Hall, Zionist Centre, Marlee Ave.

LIBRARY GOINGS ON

A book discussion program on Jewish literature entitled **Retrospection - Introspection** began this Thursday, Oct. 4, at Bathurst Heights Public Library. It is to run for 10 sessions on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m.

GUIDE TO ISRAEL

A women's vacation guide to Israel is now available, free of charge. The Israel ministry of tourism and El Al Airlines has just published **The Land of Eve**, a 28-page brochure of special attractions for the woman tourist including tips on shopping, sightseeing and sunbathing. The brochure can be obtained from the Israel government tourist office or the El Al Airlines office in Toronto or Montreal.

TOUR THE PAST

That YMCA walking tour of the old Jewish section of Toronto (the Grange Walk), mentioned in this column recently is being conducted on Sunday, Oct. 14, at 1:30 p.m. Also, we have been told that there is another walk of interest to the Jewish community, the Kensington Walk, covering the Kensington area. It is set for Sunday, Oct. 21. Registration in advance at the Central YMCA, College St., is necessary.

LZA LECTURE

On Tuesday, Oct. 9, the Labor Zionist Alliance 1973-73 lecture series features a lecture on the poet Yehuda Halevi by Joshua Altman, educator and writer. The lecture starts at 8:30 p.m. at the LZA Centre, Viewmount Ave.

HERUT WOMEN

This year's educational and cultural programs at the Hadar division of the Herut Women of Canada will deal with the needs, spiritual and cultural, of the young Jewish woman - chapter members are in the 21-35 year range. Already scheduled is a lecture on **Jewish Women's Rights** to be given by University of Toronto literature professor Harriet Morris. Also in the planning are lectures on **Abortion - A Jewish Perspective** and **Abortion - A Medical Perspective**.

POSTER CONTEST

Hadassah-WIZO announces a national poster contest in conjunction with their biennial convention being held in Winnipeg in January. The contest is open to 8-16 year olds and the posters are to be based on three themes - **Jerusalem, the Golden; Israel: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow;** and **Let My People Go**.

HEBREW UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

The Association of Moroccan Jews in Israel presented 133 scholarships to Hebrew University students. The scholarship recipients, from low income families in development areas, included 96 students of Moroccan descent and 37 from other countries.

. . . about people

A much beloved Jewish school teacher is to be the honoree of Ottawa's annual Negev dinner. **Jacob Gordon**, who has been teaching the Jewish children in the capital for more than 48 years, will be cited for his devotion to the community at the Jewish National Fund sponsored affair, Sunday, Nov. 18.

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The archives of Israel's elder statesman **David Ben Gurion**, are to form the basis of a world research centre at Sde Boker, his kibbutz home. The main purpose of the centre is to perpetuate the former prime minister's spiritual and literary work to which he has devoted himself since retiring from active politics.

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Rabbi Wilfred Shuchat, on a year's sabbatical in Israel with his family, returned to his Montreal congregation Shaar Hashomayim for the High Holidays, after which he will rejoin his family in Jerusalem.

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Toronto composer **Louis Applebaum** wrote the opening fanfare for the Hamilton Place opening of Sept. 22. It was the first presentation of the musical work by the composer who is executive director of Ontario's Council for the Arts, and one-time Stratford Shakespearean Festival music director.

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David Ein Dar

David Ein Dar, an officer in a paratroop unit during the Six Day War, was the unanimous choice to head the Ontario Schlichim Council-Youth and Hechalutz department of the Canadian Zionist Federation, Central Region. A native Sabra - he was born and raised in Kibbutz Givat Chaim - he has already completed his second year in Toronto. He will now be chairing meetings of Shlichim representing B'nai Akiva, Young Judaea, Dror, Hashomer Hatzair and Betar youth movements, and also will be liaison to the regional executive of the CZF and its youth committee.

Dr. Nissan Oren

Toronto visitors this month . . . **Dr. Nissan Oren** of Hebrew University's Russian studies department and currently visiting professor at the Centre for International Studies, Princeton University, addresses a public meeting sponsored by the Toronto Chapter, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at 8:30 p.m. at Beth Tzedec Congregation. His topic - **Soviet Jewry, Burden or Blessing**. Also on the agenda - **Allan Bronfman**, national president of the Canadian Friends will install **A. Ephraim Diamond** as Toronto chapter president.

New York Senator **Jacob Javits** comes to Toronto Monday, Oct. 15, to guest speak at Beth Sholom Brotherhood's first dinner meeting of the year. His talk will no doubt touch on the American formula to the Middle East.

World authority on the Kabbala and on Jewish mysticism and messianism **Professor Gershon Scholem** is visiting the University of Toronto this month. He's in town to conduct a continuing seminar on **Problems of Mysticism and Messianism in Judaism** under the auspices of the Joseph and Gertrude Schwartz Memorial Lectureship. Seminar dates are Oct. 2, 9, 16, 22 and 23. They begin at 4:10 p.m. at Croft Chapter House of University College. Professor Scholem will also give a public lecture on **A Great Master of Jewish Mysticism** Monday, Oct. 15, at 4:30 p.m. at the U of T Medical Sciences Auditorium.

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University of Toronto professor of medicine **Dr. Abraham Rapoport**, recently returned from a sabbatical where he did research on vitamin D at the Royal Post Graduate Medical School in London, England, is the Toronto Western Hospital's newly-appointed physician-in-chief.

Charles Bronfman (left), president of Allied Jewish Community Services, hosts at his home the traditional function launching the main thrust of the Montreal Combined Jewish Appeal and Israel Emergency Fund. He is talking with Simcha Dinitz, Israel ambassador to the U.S. In background (left) is Simon Cobrin, 1973 campaign chairman.

UJA mission will meet Moshe Dayan, Abba Eban

TORONTO -

Moshe Dayan and Abba Eban have been added to the list of Israel government leaders who will meet with members of the first President's Mission to Israel, now being organized by the United Jewish Appeal (Toronto). The mission leaves here Nov. 26 and returns Dec. 5.

Eddie Creed, chairman of the mission, announced that Eban and Dayan will be guests at two different dinners.

As announced earlier, the mission will meet also with President Ephraim Katzir and Prime Minister Golda Meir. The meeting with the prime minister will take place at dinner in the Chagall Hall of the Knesset.

Following a survey of the poverty areas in Jerusalem, the mission members will discuss the situation with Jerusalem's mayor, Teddy Kolleck.

Other highlights, said Creed, include visits to an air force base in the Sinai, to an armored corps camp and to the navy base at Haifa. There will be dinner and oneg shabbat with the chief rabbi of the Israel defence force, Gen. Mordechai Piron and the army rabbinate choir, and Sabbath services and kiddush with the choir. The mission will also have the opportunity of meeting a plane with new arrivals from Soviet Russia.

Dedication of the John Bassett Sports Centre at Yotava is another special feature. Optional trips will be available to Golan Heights of Massada.

Further information on the mission is available from the United Jewish Appeal office, 363-7190, local 45.

'Learning for the love of learning,' text-oriented program is announced

TORONTO -

Beth Tzedec Congregation has announced a large-scale Beth Midrash program for the fall and winter on the theme, **Israel, Diaspora and You**.

The text-oriented evening study program offers a choice of five courses each on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings beginning with registration and an opening lecture Oct. 9 by Dr. Trude Weiss-Rosmarin, editor of the **Jewish Spectator**.

"This is not a sitdown and somebody will talk-at-me sort of program," said Greta Greisman, the congregation's public relations chairman. "It's learning for the love of learning. It's aimed at everybody from college kids to older persons who wish to renew their studies."

According to Mrs. Greisman, there has been a tremendous response to the program from outside the congregation. In fact, some of the course lecturers have shown great interest in registering for other courses.

The courses and lecturers Tuesday night are: **Jewish Mysticism**, Prof. Frank Talmage; **Israel: Vision and Reality**, Rabbi Gershon Winer; **The Jew in the Gentile World**, Dr. Arnold Ages and **Exile in the Living Room: The Jew in North American Literature**, Phyllis Gotlieb.

On Wednesday nights, the courses and lectures are: **To Be A Jew: The Jewish Life Cycle**, Rabbi Richard Marcovitz; **The Talmud: Marriage, Divorce and Related Concepts**, Yaakov Stettin; **Jewish Messianism: Medieval to Modern** (given in Hebrew), Dr. Joseph Shatzmiller; **Jewish Life through Jewish Literature**, Rabbi Gershon Winer and **Insights into the Prophets**, Abraham Shkop.

In a letter to **The Canadian Jewish News**, Rabbi J. Immanuel Schochet said contrary to an announcement placed by Beth Tzedec in the Sept. 28 edition of **The CJN**, he will not be offering a course in the Beth Midrash program.

Paralysis faced

TORONTO -

"Our growing metropolis faces creeping moral paralysis," W. Gunther Plaut, rabbi of Holy Blossom Temple, Toronto, told an interfaith luncheon at the King Edward Hotel last week.

He analyzed recent incidents which showed that even in our town people will stand idly by while police officers and other citizens are assaulted. "It's not my business," is the attitude which is spreading like the plague and we need ways and means to counteract it, he said. That is one reason why The United Way campaign should be important to Torontonians, he added. Its benefits far exceed the hoped-for $15 million it seeks to raise for 75 institutions.

Perhaps more important than all the monies collected, will be the renewed sense of involvement experienced by 42,000 campaign workers and volunteers, Rabbi Plaut said. They will act as a moral antibiotic in a community which is more and more inclined to hand every problem to government.

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Orthodox congregation worships in trailer

By ROCHELLE CARR

TORONTO –

Not everyone is worshipping in an air conditioned, broadloomed synagogue during the High Holy Days. One congregation in the Leslie-Finch area is worshipping in a trailer.

According to Leon Rucker, on whose lawn the trailer is parked, the 15 family Orthodox congregation of Shaarei Zion is looking for a permanent site in the area. Since no site has been found yet, and since they still wanted to hold High Holy Day services, the idea of services in a trailer evolved.

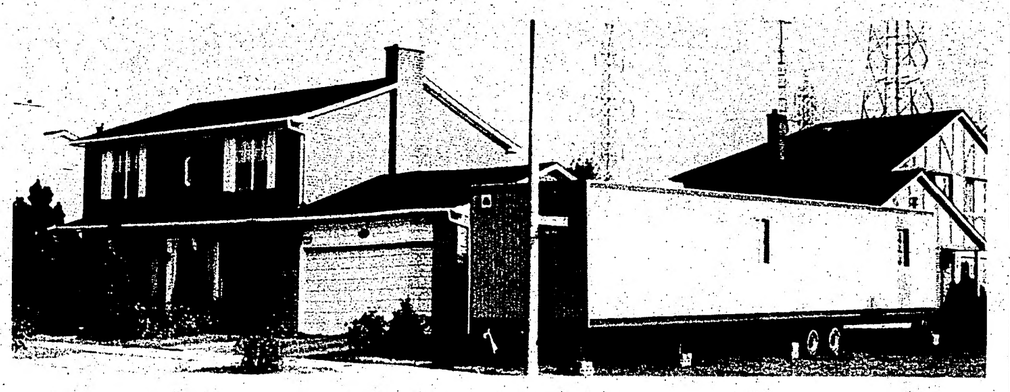
The rented trailer, which Rucker describes as having "a spartan interior," is about 50 feet by 12 feet. The congregation has its own Torah and they have constructed an ark inside. Because they are an Orthodox congregation, the trailer has been divided inside to separate men from women. According to Rucker, it can hold about 50 people and this means that people in the area who only want to attend Yiskor services may also use the trailer.

Even though worship in a trailer has overtones of an exciting pioneering adventure, Rucker states that the congregation would prefer to be in a permanent location. For three years, since Bernie and Chuck Zaionz put up signs in kosher butcher shops on Bathurst St. to start an Orthodox congregation, the group has been looking for a permanent site. And, while they look, they have been holding Shabbat services in the basement of each other's homes.

The members of the congregation are mainly couples with young children. They encourage bringing children to Shabbat services, as Rucker explains, "So that the children will slowly get used to the atmosphere of a synagogue. If the children get restless, they can go to another room in the house for awhile."

Rucker explained that the congregation is stressing a community life aspect for its members. This is one reason why every Shabbat home service is followed by a kiddush.

This is the first year the congregation is holding High Holy Day services together. Before this, they all stayed with relatives and worshipped in other synagogues. According to Rucker, now the congregation is a little bigger and "we feel we have a duty to people who live in the area and do not want to drive, even if these people are not members and just attend Yiskor services."



This trailer serves the 15-family Orthodox Congregation of Shaarei Zion in the Leslie–Finch area. (David Groskind photo)

Voice of Youth

By YAACOV HONIG

Every Shabbat afternoon the voices of youth singing and dancing can be heard in many Toronto synagogues. These melodic sounds emanate from the five branches of Bnei Akiva, situated at Shaarei Shomayim, Shaarei Tefillah, Clanton Park, Beth Jacob, and B'nai Torah Synagogues. The Shabbat program, beginning with Mincha services, and followed by discussions, games, and lots of "ruach" (spirit) is geared to children from grades three through eight. It provides both an interesting and enjoyable afternoon, coupled with a religious atmosphere and educational background.

But this is merely one of the many activities of this organization in Toronto. Affiliated with Bnei Akiva of North America and the World Bnei Akiva Movement, it provides activities for Jewish youth of all ages. The organization is committed to the philosophy of Torah Va'Avodah, the intensive learning of Torah combined with secular knowledge and career. Bnei Akiva strives to imbue in its youth a love for Torah along with an awareness and interest in the state of Israel.

The groups for the younger ages prepare for the future of the organization. Members in grades nine through 11 meet at the Bayit, situated at 296 Wilson Avenue near Bathurst. It is at this site that a similar program takes place, but on a much larger scale. Presently, a Simchat Torah Program is planned in conjunction with Bnei Akiva of Montreal to take place in that city.

Each and every Sunday there is a sports and recreational program held with gym and swimming facilities available. The members in Hamilton take part in these activities as well.

In affiliation with Mizrachi Hapoel Hamizrachi, Bnei Akiva runs Camp Moshava every summer, in Ennismore, Ont. Moshava provides a religious Zionist atmosphere, in addition to its normal camp activities. A "Mosh Choref," a winter camp, is held annually for older members. It serves as an educational seminar as well as an entertaining vacation.

With its ideal of Torah Va'Avodah in mind, Bnei Akiva has helped found Yeshivat Or Chaim, a Bnei Akiva high school. It is the first of its kind outside Israel. Thirty students are attending the school in its inaugural year, and plans are being formulated to open an Ulpana, a similar school for girls, in the coming year.

The older teenagers of Bnei Akiva serve as group leaders to the preteenagers, and for their own activities Friday evenings are set aside for learning and discussion groups.

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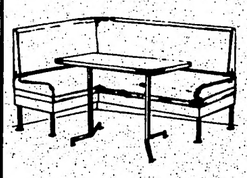
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Eugene Levy — From Jesus to comedian

theatre

By JENIVA BERGER

Eugene Levy, star of the Second City Review.

Things to do while waiting to interview Eugene Levy at the Second City Theatre: watch the cash box (everyone takes turns); read a copy of **Captain Guts**, a Berkely, California, magazine supplied by Gerry Salsberg who informs you that you're probably out of it anyway; and inform the cast members of who is currently using the washroom.

Levy is late, but the usual buzz-buzz is taking place a half hour before show time. When the 26-year-old Hamilton-born actor arrives, he's sincerely apologetic (simply forgot) shaves quickly, buys a pack of cigarettes and tries hurriedly to answer a few questions about his past engagements and current one with Toronto's newest improvisational group, the Second City.

Fresh from **Godspell** where he took over the role of Jesus toward the end of the run, Eugene Levy is living testimony that Christ doesn't have to look like a fragile Dane.

"The New York producers didn't think I suited the part" says Eugene smiling. "Even though the book which we were required to read for the show **The Last Temptation of Christ** describes him as frail, Jewish, dark and hook-nosed."

No, Levy isn't frail. As a matter of fact to take over the role of Jesus he lost a few pounds giving up some rich goodies and shaved off his handlebar moustache which was obviously a greater sacrifice. "I had it for six years," he says ruefully.

Refreshing it was, I interjected, to have seen a soft spoken less pixie-like Christ who looked Hebrew, albeit I wasn't putting down the good work of either Don Scardino or Gordon Thompson who played the role before him. "I think my performance was closest to Victor Garber's" (who starred in the film version and at the Royal Alex in the show) Eugene says, but adds that he worked hard to make the part his own.

Eugene, who shined in the comedy role he had in **Godspell** before he moved up to the lead, and judging from present audience reaction he earns in Second City, has all the earmarks of a good comedian. He's serious. Not only serious, but slightly introverted, and perhaps a little vulnerable. Offstage he might be a dentistry student, or a sociology major, which he was before he got involved with theatre.

Onstage it's something else. But then you must see Second City to appreciate the talented band of young artists at work hammering out the trade mark improvisations.

The son of a Hamilton businessman, no one else in the family has ever opted for the entertainment world except Eugene. "It's ok for a hobby," came the proverbial advice, "but what are you going to do for a living?"

Now, his family is behind him solidly, and Eugene has racked up several roles in films including **Foxy Lady**, the widely distributed **Cannibal Girls**, as well as television and stage parts, since his days at McMaster University where he wowed student audiences as Oscar in **The Odd Couple**. He also worked with the late Martin Brenzell travelling to Columbia University under the sponsorship of Ellen Stewart who affectionately dubbed the ensemble **La Mama Canada**.

As for Second City, Eugene has no doubt that it will take him awhile to adjust. "I was scared as hell when I first started" he admits, "but this kind of work really whips your mind into shape. It takes a lot of self-discipline."

But that's peanuts for a trouper who is able to shave off his six-year-old handlebar moustache, give up candy bars, and still leave them laughing.

Getz — chameleon saxophonist

music

By RICK KARDONNE

"I'm in a very good mood these days; therefore, I am most able to constantly change and experiment. That's what jazz is all about."

So says tenor saxophonist Stan Getz, truly one of the all-time jazz greats, who recently appeared at Toronto's Colonial Tavern. He's been on the scene for over 20 years. In the early '60s, he first attracted widespread popular attention by exposing North American audiences to the sophisticated Brazilian rhythms of the bossa nova.

Many a lesser artist would have been content to stop there. But Getz, wise to the fact that all fads die sooner or later, soon struck out on his own into totally new musical directions. Today, long after the bossa nova fad died, Stan Getz is at the creative peak of his career.

Although he has not consciously utilized identifiable Jewish musical forms into his jazz, Stan Getz openly states that his Russian Jewish background installed in him a creative fluidity that gives him this great musical freedom, thus being Jewish does have a strong unconscious over-all influence. He has not been exposed to Sephardic Jewish music in any form, but indicated a willingness to probe into it in the future.

The great thing about Stan Getz is that although he appears in Toronto fairly frequently, one is assured of a different type of music every time he performs here. Last year, he featured a bold, exciting dissonance that put him at the very forefront of the jazz avant-garde. This year, he is somewhat more subtle and polished. He is reflecting the consolidatory trend that serious jazz has taken within the past 10 months; that is an attempt to review in retrospect several different styles from the past. During his first set, his current quartet was a bit slow in getting off the ground. But during his second set, Getz was in his best form ever, culminating in a spectacular Chick Corea composition that is featured on his latest album.

His pianist, Albert Daley, is one of the finest keyboard artists whom I have heard for a long time, combining flawless technique with extremely interesting chord progressions. Some will compare him to McCoy Tyner but I feel that Daley shows more variation and creative sensitivity as well as true overall musical knowledge.

Bassist Dave Holland is also a rare true original, performing absorbingly original solos and displaying top-notch skill during the Chick Corea piece. Drummer Jeff Williams was somewhat of a disappointment. Not only were his solos not as distinctive, but because he relied too much on the cymbals, he tended to claim more than his share of the total sound.

Stan Getz, one of the pillars of contemporary jazz, is in the best tradition of Jewish jazz musicians: that of creative, eclectic fluidity. He informed me of the existence of three promising Jewish jazz musicians who are sure to become well-known in the near future: Lenny White and the Brecker brothers, Randy and Mike. If they follow in Stan Getz's footsteps, then the Jewish future in jazz is well assured.

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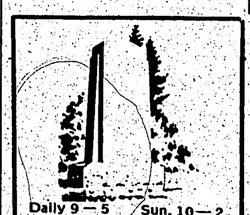
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By BERNARD BASKIN

The Honorary Consul
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The scene is a somnolent border town in northern Argentina. The time is the present. The author is perhaps England's most admired and eminent living writer who, at the age of 70, can look back on an active literary career that includes 19 novels, innumerable short stories, essays and plays.

The action revolves about a band of unlikely revolutionaries who are intent on capturing the American ambassador. Once in their hands he can be bartered for rebel captives who are languishing in Paraguayan jails. But fate ordains that not the ambassador but poor Charley Fortnum be seized by mistake. The victim is an inconsequential, aging alcoholic, a semi-official British functionary who bears the title "Honorary Consul."

The crestfallen kidnappers are convinced that the release of their captive would be regarded as a sign of weakness. They are determined to hang on to Fortnum and kill him if their ultimatum to the authorities is not met.

Eduardo Plarr, the novel's protagonist, is a half-English, half-Paraguayan physician whose father had been involved in the rebel cause many years before. The doctor is lured to the secret rebel hiding place and, willy-nilly, becomes part of the desperate group. Plarr is cold and clinical to the point of detachment and amorality. Despite his affair with Fortnum's young wife - who is bearing his child - he can feel little more than animal affection for her. He is jealous of Fortnum who despite his numerous shortcomings has the capacity to love.

The chief of the rebel band is a married, disillusioned ex-Catholic priest – angry at the church for its lack of concern for the plight of the poor – who must make the decision if, or when, the prisoner is to be killed.

At the core of this exciting novel is the old conundrum of the nature of God and man's relationship to him. Father Leon Rivas maintains that God is not omnipotent, but rather a growing and evolving deity. He is no more able to prevent evil than a loving father is albe to prevent the suffering of his beloved child. But the evil side of God will one day wither away as the result of man's help. "Because the evolution of God depends on our evolution. Every evil act of ours strengthens His night-side, and every good one helps His day-side . . . But now at least we can be sure where evolution will end one day – it will end in a goodness like Christ's. It is a terrible process all the same and the God I believe in suffers as we suffer while He struggles against Himself – against His evil side."

The concept of a limited or struggling God is not new and raises as many theological problems as it solves. If it is meant to represent Greene's understanding of God then it is certainly unorthodox, and probably heretical, in the eyes of the Catholic church.

The author weaves the diverse threads of his plot together with skill and artistry. He has a sure sense of place and local color. The characters, both large and small, are limned with admirable economy of language. If they are not altogether believable, it is because they serve as vehicles for argument, and prototypes for Greene's theology in which both priest and atheist are equally eligible for redemption as long as they are committed men.

The Honorary Consul is certainly the most impressive novel that Greene has written in recent years. His romantic anarchy in which man pits himself against the evils of society still has the power to charm and stimulate.

Israel Bonds–Slichot Night at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue will long be remembered by two friends who had survived three concentration camps together during World War II and then lost track of each other. From the left are Paul Sperling, Leon Sperling and Helen Sperling of Utica, N.Y. and David Brown of Toronto.

Yom Kippur message

The 10 days of penitence are drawing to an end and Jews throughout the world have, in their various synagogues, temples and shtiblach, been going through a spiritual accounting in which they set before them the record of the past year and reflect on the direction of their steps in the coming year.

This past year has been a period of growth and development for our community in Canada. Certainly there are problems - problems of Jewish education, of Jewish community organization, problems of alienation, erosion and cultural and spiritual attenuation, but these are problems we are confident we can cope with and they are part of the daily agenda of our communal organizations.

In Israel, the problems are more imminent and more serious. The hostility of many states headed by the powerful oil lobby is making Israel more and more dependent on its single reliable ally, Jewry throughout the world, and here we must stand as one in the coming year, as we always have.

As we approach the Ne'ilah, may we all hope that our prayers in the coming 12 months will be fulfilled, both personally and collectively.

David Satok, chairman
Canadian Jewish Congress
Central Region

Gordon Brown (centre), founder-president of Caldwell Residences, is honored with a presentation at the dedication of Caldwell Terrace Apartments. Presentation is made by Joe Ain, Montreal Allied Jewish Community Services executive. Others (from left) are Québec Municipal Minister Victor Goldbloom and Ben Chazenoff, a director of Caldwell.

Canadians join world protests over decision to close camp

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be an immediate worldwide protest, not only on behalf of the Soviet Jews but also to demand that all men be permitted to live in freedom from this terror. As the voice of international morality, the General Assembly of the United Nations, now sitting in New York, should promptly condemn not only states that give in to violence but those that continue to give sanctuary to these criminals."

According to Frank Dimant, executive director of the Canadian Zionist Federation, Central Region, indignation and shock are the words that best describe the attitude of the Jewish community of Toronto to Austria's accord with the Arab terrorists.

In a telegram to Dr. Edward Schiller, Austria's ambassador to Canada Max Shecter, president of the Canadian Zionist Federation, Central Region, expressed shock at "Austria's capitulation to terrorists' demands." The telegram also called "for re-consideration of the decision to close Schonau Castle on the basis of humanitarian needs."

Other telegrams deploring Austria's acquiescence to Arab terrorists' demands were sent to the Austrian ambassador by the Labour Zionist Alliance, Zionist Revisionist Organization of Ontario, Hadassah, Pioneer Women of Ontario, Mizrachi Movement of Ontario, Herut Women of Canada and Achdut Ha'avoda of Canada.

Lecture by editor

TORONTO –

An event of interest to Toronto's Jewish community will be a lecture by Alexander Klugman of Israel, on the theme **Israel Today and Tomorrow**. The free public lecture is Sunday, Oct. 14, 8 p.m. at the Labor Zionist Centre, 12 Viewmount Ave.

Alexander Klugman is editor of Israel's only Polish-language daily newspaper, **Novyni Kourier**, a position he has held since emigrating to Israel from Poland in 1957, and one of Israel's foremost authors, journalists and lecturers.

Labor's support declines

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overtake once the competition gets into high gear.

Former air force commander Ezer Weizman, the flamboyant, former Herut executive chairman, has announced he will not stand for Knesset election again because of negotiations prior to the emergence of the Likud.

He was reported in the local press as having made this announcement in a letter to the undisputed Herut strongman, Menachem Begin.

Weizman was quoted as having written that he "never took part in such an ugly and disgraceful process of a body which should set an example in honesty and leadership . . ."

Rumors were also flying around that Foreign Minister Abba Eban was on the way out of the Israeli cabinet over his disagreements with Golda Meir. American press reports contended that Eban's objections to the Israeli "interception" of a MEA jet recently were the final straw.

However, Mrs. Meir since told a Labor election rally that the reports were merely "baseless scribbling." Disagreements between Eban and Meir do occur "from time to time" she admitted but other ministers also occasionally opposed her in "legitimate" disagreements.

Unconfirmed rumors in Jerusalem say that Communications Minister Shimon Peres has his eye on the foreign ministry portfolio, presumably hoping that if Defence Minister Moshe Dayan makes it as premier, he would favor his friend over Eban, with whom he is not exactly on friendly terms.

This appears very unlikely since both are former members of the Rafi party, an offshoot of Labor, which returned to the fold some time ago.

Should Dayan ever get enough internal support in the Labor Central Committee for him to take up where Golda leaves off, (itself a very distant possibility) then Peres is almost certainly not going to be voted in for the top job of foreign minister - Rafi members are not that popular in Labor circles. Also, Eban's outstanding success with world leaders is not easily overridden despite some squabbles at home.

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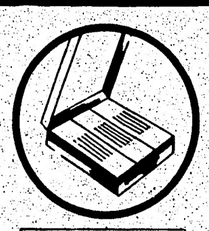
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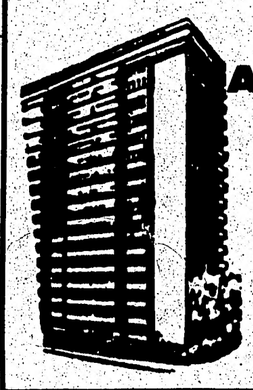
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Terezin will provide outlet for Yiddish writers

By MICHAEL HOFFMAN

MONTREAL -

"What we are planning to do is provide a hitherto unavailable outlet for Yiddish writers and those with a Jewish orientation."

Abraham Boyarsky, being such a writer himself, is in a position to feel that gap. His founding of the Jewish Publication Council represents an attempt to fill it.

The council will operate Terezin Press, whose first project is an anthology of Yiddish prose and poetry translated into English. It will run to approximately 300 pages, and will include such authors as A.M. Klein (his unpublished stories), Yehuda Elberg, Abraham Sutzkever, Rachel Korn, Ari Snyder, Melech Ravitch, M. Husid, Sholem Shtern, and Boyarsky himself.

"We think this type of ethnic publication is the first of its kind and that it serves a very important community purpose," Boyarsky noted.

The project is expected to be completed by early 1974. "Our original projected date of completion was October of this year," he said, "but lack of funds have slowed us down."

Terezin Press is named for the Czechoslovakian town of Terezin which was a staging point from which Jews were sent to concentration camps during the war. Somehow, Boyarsky explained, under conditions of tremendous adversity an artistic community grew up. Literature, painting and theatrical performances of definite merit flourished.

"It is in the spirit of their venture that we ourselves operate," said Boyarsky.

Their symbol, which appears on the council's stationery, is a flower growing out of a rock.

Jewish Publication Council is a non-profit corporation formed by a group of approximately 15 people who established initial contact through a writing program conducted under the aegis of the Jewish Free University (B'nai B'rith Hillel Foundation).

This group in turn arranged a meeting with those considered to be the cream of Canadian Jewish writers - Korn, Shtern, Ravitch, Husid, Elberg, Jacob Zipper and Chava Rosenfarb.

"They were eager to gain access to English readers," Boyarsky explained, "and were at once sympathetic to our project."

With this first anthology well into the planning stages, the council must now contend with its financial difficulties, which are, Boyarsky made clear, considerable. It is estimated that a year of full operation would require $12,000; available assets add up to no more than $2,000.

"We've made applications to the Canada Council, to the Canadian Jewish Congress, and to Hillel, which has already provided money and office facilities," he said.

"At the same time we're appealing to various philanthropists and patrons of the arts, and also to interested members of the general public and I am optimistic that we will receive what we need."

Boyarsky said that if this anthology is successful, "we'll try to keep turning them out at a rate of five a year. For such a small publishing venture, that is excellent."

A small preliminary booklet, entitled **Sunday Evening Anthology**, which introduces some of the writers and poets who will appear in the upcoming full-length work, has already been published.

Boyarsky, who also teaches mathematics at McGill University, has written short stories for such Canadian literary magazines as **The Fiddlehead, Journal of Canadian Fiction, Canadian Fiction Magazine, McGill Literary Review** and **Strobe**.

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